

Tuesday, June 10, 1947

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on carrier agreements; House passed disapproval resolution of President's Reorganization Plan relating to USES and Wage and Hour Administration transfers, and continued debate on foreign information exchange bill.

Bills on Army enlistments, civil service, UNRRA, and District of Columbia courthouse, Foreign Service nominations and narcotic convention approved by Senate groups.

Bills terminating family sugar rationing and disapproving President's Reorganization Plan on Housing ordered reported by House committees.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1408-S. 1412; S. J. Res. 124, 125; and S. Res. 123. Page 6681

Bills Reported: Bills were reported as follows:

H. R. 1628, to give certain land rights to Illinois (S. Rept. 250);

H. R. 2207, to convey lands to Shiloh National Military Park, Tenn. (S. Rept. 251);

H. R. 2852, to add lands to Otter Creek Recreational Demonstration Area, Kentucky (S. Rept. 252);

H. R. 3143, to construct Paonia Federal reclamation project, Colorado (S. Rept. 253);

H. R. 3151, to give certain water and land rights to Las Vegas, Nev. (S. Rept. 254);

H. R. 3197, relative to construction of Mancos project (S. Rept. 255);

H. R. 3348, relative to construction of Coachella Division of All-American Canal irrigation project (S. Rept. 256);

S. 1306, relating to the construction and disposition of the San Jacinto-San Vicente aqueduct (S. Rept. 257);

H. R. 174, to make possible exploration and mining of gold and other metals in streams of Alaska (S. Rept. 258); and

H. R. 2369, to suspend annual assessment work on mining claims in Alaska (S. Rept. 259). Pages 6680-6681

Bills Referred: The following House-passed bills were referred to committee indicated: H. R. 1634 and 3737 (Committee on the District of Columbia). (For passage in House, see Digest, p. D248.) Page 6682

Carrier Agreements: Senate continued debate on S. 110, amending ICC Act relative to agreements between carriers. Pages 6685-6693, 6701-6706, 6709-6716

Confirmations: The following appointments were confirmed: Dwight P. Griswold, to be chief of the American Mission for Aid to Greece; Richard F. Allen, field administrator of United States Foreign Relief Program; Monnett B. Davis, United States representative for the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East; Norman Armour, to be Assistant Secretary of State; Emmet O'Neal, to be Ambassador to the Philippines; together with 43 appointments in the Diplomatic and Foreign Service. Page 6721

Nominations: Senate received 28 postmaster nominations. Page 6721

Reports on Committee Meetings

STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Hearings on H. R. 3311, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations bill, continued before subcommittee with testimony from Secretary of State George C. Marshall, and Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs Willard L. Thorp.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on H. R. 3123, Interior Department appropriation bill, completed "marking up" the bill. Full committee is expected to meet on June 13.

NAVY APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on H. R. 3493, Navy Department appropriation bill, held organizational meeting and announced that hearings would start tomorrow.

ARMY ENLISTMENTS AND AIRPORTS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee approved with amendments S. 1218, to continue after July 1, au-

thority to receive voluntary enlistments in the Regular Army and to establish the periods of service.

Committee heard Frank Murphy, chairman of the Connecticut Aviation Commission; Senator McMahon; and Arthur Manley, of the WAA, on S. 364, to expedite the disposition of Government surplus airports. Action on the bill was held over until a later date.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee met in executive session on Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1947, dealing with housing, and announced hearings on it next Tuesday with testimony from officials of the Housing Administration. On Wednesday, June 18, the committee will hear testimony from interested individuals.

Full committee meets tomorrow on regulations of bank holding companies.

CIVIL SERVICE BILLS

Committee on Civil Service: A poll was ordered taken from Senators not present to complete committee's favorable action on S. 263, to appoint a Superintendent of Star Route Service in the Post Office Department. The following three bills were also approved for reporting: S. 995, to extend Civil Service retirement benefits to officers and employees of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf; S. 1324, to extend civil service retirement benefits to officers and employees of the National Library for the Blind; and S. 749, to provide for a Resident Commissioner from the Virgin Islands, to be elected every 2 years.

Subcommittee reports were received on S. 999, modifying provisions relating to veterans' preference in Government employment, recommending that 10-point-preference veterans shall obtain a passing mark of 70 in civil-service examination, and that they be certified as 30 percent disabled at the time of examination; and on S. 680, to credit veterans with periods of vocational training for retirement purposes, recommending that favorable action on bill be withheld for further study.

The committee then appointed seven subcommittees and assigned various bills respectively to each for study.

POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Civil Service: In afternoon session, subcommittee held hearings on various bills on postal service and employees thereof (S. 203, 636, 674, 685, 785, 808, 930, 1066, and 1082).

SURPLUS MACHINE TOOLS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Surplus Property investigating the joint Army-Navy machine tool program heard the following witnesses: General J. A. Mollison, Deputy Administrator; Rosary Wilcox, Liaison Offices; and A. A. Throckmorton, all of the WAA.

FOREIGN SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee unanimously reported five nominations, later confirmed by the Senate. It also approved Executive N, protocol to amend convention on narcotic drugs; S. J. Res. 124, permitting the use of certain funds for the liquidation of UNRRA; and sundry nominations in the Diplomatic and Foreign Service.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on S. Res. 111, travel restrictions, opened hearings with testimony from Secretary of Commerce W. Averell Harriman; Harry G. Tarrington, Acting Assistant CAA Administrator for Foreign Operations; and Ugo Carusi, Immigration and Naturalization Commissioner. Hearings continue tomorrow.

EMERGENCY POWERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee heard Government witnesses testify on S. J. Res. 123, to terminate emergency war powers of the President.

EXPORT CONTROL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee heard the following witnesses testify in support of continuing export control: Captain R. A. Conway, President's Coordinator of Shipping, and Lt. Col. R. F. Hartman, Civil Affairs Division, War Department.

VETERANS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: In morning session, Veterans' Subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 2181, to include "institutional on-farm training" in the education and training program for veterans, to receive testimony from representatives of educational and farm organizations of Massachusetts, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and officers of the AMVETS and AVC.

In afternoon executive session, it ordered favorably reported to the full committee, without amendment, S. 1392, to prescribe termination dates of accrual rights of veterans for vocational rehabilitation, and for education, training, guarantee of loans, and readjustment allowances under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, and without recommendation S. 986, to provide on-the-job training for lawyers with less than 2 years of active practice.

MINERALS

Committee on Public Lands: National Resources Economic Subcommittee met on the subject of production and marketing of minerals and basic raw materials in the United States, and received testimony from Henry G. Hilken and Rodolfo A. Correa, Department of Justice; and William L. Clayton, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. Hearings continue Thursday.

D. C. COURTHOUSE AND FWA LOANS

Committee on Public Works: In executive session, it approved S. 451, to permit the use of Capitol Park Hotel for Federal courts in the District until a courthouse can be constructed.

Committee tabled S. 1008, relative to loans by the FWA under War Mobilization and Reconversion Act.

Subcommittee on Public Buildings announced hearings on S. 1231, to determine market value of Fidelity Building in Kansas City, Thursday, June 12.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Nine public bills, H. R. 3778-3786; four private bills, H. R. 3787-3790; and three resolutions, H. Res. 235-237, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Bills and resolutions were reported, as follows:

H. Res. 235, rule waiving points of order against H. R. 3756, Government corporation appropriations bill for 1948 (H. Rept. 552);

H. R. 3372, authorizing certain agreements with respect to rights in helium-bearing lands in Navajo Indian Reservation, N. Mex. (H. Rept. 553);

Disposal of certain executive papers (H. Rept. 554); S. 50, for relief of Joseph Achrimowski (H. Rept. 555); and

H. R. 3612, termination of sugar rationing for home consumption (H. Rept. 556).

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Labor: Passed H. Con. Res. 49, expressing disapproval of the President's Reorganization Plan No. 2, which would have the USES administered by the Department of Labor instead of reverting to the Social Security Board, and the function of the Wage-and-Hour Administrator transferred to the Secretary of Labor.

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Foreign Information Exchange: Resumed consideration of H. R. 3342, the Federal information and exchange program with foreign countries, and read the bill for amendment. The House, in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, rejected a preferential motion offered by Representative Mason to strike out the enacting clause, by a vote of 119 nays to 92 yeas. After adopting sundry committee amendments, further consideration of the bill was postponed until Thursday, June 12.

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Order of Business: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 11. Page 6757

Reports on Committee Meetings

POTATOES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Food and Agricultural Production held hearings on H. Res. 166, potato surplus investigation, and heard S. R. Smith,

Director, Fruit and Vegetable Branch, United States Department of Agriculture. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Retirement Subcommittee met in executive session to continue discussion on H. R. 2744, Army Vitalization and Retirement Equalization Act of 1946.

Posts and Stations Subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 3314, Navy public works bill, and heard Rear Adm. J. J. Manning, USN, Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks; Rear Adm. W. A. Buck, USN, Chief, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts; and Rear Adm. A. M. Pride, USN, Chief, Bureau of Aeronautics; all of whom testified favorably.

SUGAR—CONSUMER CREDIT

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met in executive session on H. R. 3612 and H. R. 3688, termination of sugar rationing, and ordered favorably reported without amendment H. R. 3612, to terminate allocation and rationing of refined sugar among users for home consumption upon the date of enactment.

Committee also held hearing on consumer credit and heard Chairman Marriner S. Eccles, Federal Reserve Board, who testified in favor of legislation authorizing the Federal Reserve Board to regulate installment buying.

REORGANIZATION—NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Met to consider Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1947, and voted to report out H. Con. Res. 51, which expresses disapproval of the Plan.

Committee also resumed hearings on H. R. 2319, National Security Act of 1947, and heard Secretary of the Navy Forrestal and Col. Melvin J. Maas. Hearings will continue tomorrow for further testimony from Col. Maas.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session on H. R. 2675, Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1947. Meeting will continue tomorrow.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION—CAB

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session to consider National Science Foundation legislation. Meeting will continue tomorrow.

Following the executive session, announcement was made that the following committee members, Representatives Wolverton, Hinshaw, O'Hara, Scott of Pennsylvania, Bulwinkle, and Priest, would attend the CAB hearing in New York on June 11, in connection with the United Airlines accident at LaGuardia Field on May 29.

JUDICIAL

Committee on the Judiciary: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported one private immigration bill (S. 50); and considered H. R. 1639, to amend the Employers' Liability Act so as to limit venue in actions brought in United States district courts or in State courts under such act.

SHIP SALES

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Ship Sales, Charters, and Lay-ups continued hearings on Ship Sales Act of 1946 and heard Donald S. Morrison, president, American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.; Rear Adm. W. W. Smith, Chairman, Maritime Commission; Grenville Mellen, Commissioner, Maritime Commission; and Paul Sullivan, of the Maritime Commission. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

LOYALTY—CENSUS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Rees subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 3588, Federal Employees' Loyalty Act of 1947, and heard Harry Hayden, American Legion; John C. Williamson, VFW; and Wm. A. Christianson, DAV, all of whom testified in favor of the bill.

Census Subcommittee met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. R. 1821, providing for census of manufactures, mineral industries, and other businesses every fifth year.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Public Lands met on various bills and heard Representative Knutson, who spoke in favor of H. R. 3614, Brainerd War Dead National Memorial; and Representative Engle, of California, who spoke in behalf of H. R. 3175, to add certain lands to Shasta National Forest. Both bills, with amendments, were ordered favorably reported to the full committee.

PUBLIC WORKS

Committee on Public Works: Held executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House the following

bills: H. R. 2955, authorizing sale of Fidelity Building, Kansas City, Mo.; H. R. 3219, appointing special policemen for protection of Federal property; and H. R. 3146, amending section 3 of Flood Control Act of 1937.

Committee also continued hearings on H. R. 3036, transfer of jurisdiction over certain power projects and transmission lines, and heard L. C. Sutton, Carolina Power & Light Co.

RULES

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Taber, of the Committee on Appropriations, and Representative Jensen favor a resolution to provide the rule waiving all points of order against H. R. 3756, Government corporations appropriation bill for 1948. The resolution was ordered favorably reported.

VETERANS' HOUSING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held hearings on H. R. 2101 and H. R. 3532, special housing for paraplegic veterans, and heard Representative Kersten, sponsor of H. R. 3532, who explained the bill; Robert Moss (paraplegic veteran), executive secretary, Eastern Paralyzed Veterans' Association, who spoke in favor of the bill; Bernard E. Shufelt, paraplegic veteran from McGuire Hospital, who spoke in favor of the bill; and Mrs. Robert Moss, wife of paraplegic veteran, also testified.

TAX REVISION

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on general tax revision and heard William C. Babbitt, managing director, National Association of Photographic Manufacturers, Inc., New York, N. Y.; R. J. Wilkinson, executive manager, Master Photo Dealers' & Finishers' Association, Jackson, Mich.; A. K. Barta, representing the non-beverage alcohol interest, Washington, D. C.; James J. Donovan and Neil F. Deighan, National Tavern Association, New York, N. Y.; George H. Frates, the National Association of Retail Druggists, Washington, D. C.; Jacob Reck, counsel, National Beauty & Barber Manufacturers' Association, Washington, D. C.; and Joseph Byrne, secretary, Beauty & Barber Supply Institute, Inc., New York, N. Y., all of whom testified in favor of a modification and reduction of excise taxes. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

TIRES

Select Committee on Small Business: Stevenson subcommittee met in executive session on the tire situation.

REPORT ON JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**WOOL PRICE SUPPORT**

Conferees on S. 814, to establish a wool price support program, met in executive session but made no announcement of action taken. They continue tomorrow.